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1. The total output of copper ore from the Mansfeld mining area (Kombinat Wilhelm Pieck) during 1951 was 840,000 tons. Planned output for 1952 is 900,000 tons. Under the Five-Year-Plan, annual output is to be increased to 1,500,000 tons by 1955 and will be maintained at that level during subsequent years.
2. According to official estimates of the Ministry for Ore Mining and Metallurgy, the Mansfeld area will not be exhausted until 1967. Local experts maintain however, that the remaining productive life is not more than five years, and that the planned output figures can only be maintained if purchasers are prepared to accept increased quantities of unproductive rock with the copper schist. In support of this contention the local experts point out that although the output of copper ore has increased steadily during the past three years, the quantity of copper extracted has remained constant, and that even this has only been achieved as a result of the installation of improved extraction machinery.
3. On instructions from the SCC, a geological survey team was formed in 1949 to search for alternative sources of supply in East Germany. Early in 1950, the team reported that substantial reserves had been found in the Sangershausen area. In 1950, after a test shaft had been sunk 475 meters, the construction of three pits was started in the area immediately south of Sangershausen. Reserves of copper ore in this site are believed to be considerably greater than those of Mansfeld, and it is anticipated that production in this area will more than offset the decline in output from Mansfeld.
4. Strenuous efforts are now being made to develop the Sangershausen area as rapidly as possible. Technical cadres are to be formed under the guidance of Russian mining engineers, who have been sent from the Krivoi Rog mining area

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in the Ukraine, and who will give instruction in the use of modern machinery and the application of modern mining techniques. In addition, orders placed with VEBs and SAGs for rock drilling hammers, drift drilling machines, loading machinery and conveyor belts have been given first priority.

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